



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND (AETC)

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DETACHMENT PERSONNEL AND ASSIGNED STUDENTS

FROM: DET 2, 336 TRS/CC

SUBJECT: AETC Policy RE: Professional Relationships

1. AETC **prohibits** nonprofessional relationships between the following groups of people, regardless of rank: Instructors and students; non-prior service (NPS) and prior service (PS) students; students and permanent party members. Any contact outside the academic environment at the Defense Information School (DINFOS) puts you at risk of violating AETC policy. This policy demands all student contact be confined to the academic environment and/or supervised environments (i.e., trip to the Pentagon). Air Force students, whether PS students or NPS students, who violate these policies, risk firm disciplinary action. The following guidance should ensure AETC's policy is clear:

a. Definition. **NPS student** – A NPS student is a recent graduate of Basic Military Training (BMT) who has not served for any extended period in an active duty or reserve/guard unit. The key distinction is they are recent BMT graduates.

b. Definition. **PS Student** – A PS student is either TDY to DINFOS from an active duty, reserve, and/or guard unit or reservists or guardsmen who have served on active duty at some time in the past and is now affiliating with a guard and/or reserve unit presently.

c. Definition. **Permanent Party** – Permanent party is any military member of any branch of service (officer or enlisted) who is permanently assigned to Fort George G. Meade AIN, Maryland. Fort Meade Army personnel, National Security Agency personnel, and members of the 694th Intelligence Group, etc., are permanent party members.

2. **What is a nonprofessional relationship?** AETC defines a nonprofessional relationship as any social contact outside the classroom. For example, this includes but is not limited to the following:

a. PS students driving or allowing NPS students to use their POVs (to go to the mall, local restaurants, shops, etc).

b. An Airman First Class TDY to DINFOS from an active duty unit or reserve unit cannot cultivate a relationship outside a supervised academic environment. An example of "good intentions, but bad policy" is a reserve member hosting a social event for two NPS

students who would be assigned to his unit after graduating from DINFOS. While the intention was good, AETC clearly prohibits social interaction between the two groups as a violation of policy.


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I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the above policy.

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